



TARGETS

As specified in the RRP5

 **350,000**
Syrian refugees
(registered or awaiting
registration)

 **50,000**
Affected host
population

 **52 million**
USD required

NEEDS

As protection capacity is strengthened at the new permanent camps in the Kurdish Region of Iraq (KR-I) additional protection can be provided to refugees in the Dohuk, Erbil and Sulimaniya, however, issues continue to be identified through on-going protection monitoring. As winter approaches, concerns about vulnerable families remain, particularly in the non-camp settings where approximately 60% of the refugee population is now living.

In the camps, key needs continue to be identified in the areas of child protection, persons with disabilities, elderly at risk and SGVB. With the rapid increase of service providers working in the camp, capacity building of these service providers must be strengthened and coordination mechanisms must be increased at the camp level.

In the non-camp environment, there are large numbers of individuals with vulnerabilities and so assistance will be key, especially with winter coming. Livelihood projects will be a vital component of the non-camp assistance, however such programs will need to be combined with advocacy efforts to ensure that the non-camp caseload receive residency permits and access to the labour market. Although some particularly vulnerable people may be recommended to move to the camp, cash or housing assistance will be needed for some in the urban environment.

OBJECTIVES

Ensure continuous and unhindered access for refugees to the territory of the Kurdistan Region and ensure they have access to basic services, including legal and psycho-social support.

ACTION/OUTPUTS


- Refugees have access to territory and to safety
- Quality of registration and profiling improved or maintained
- Risk of SGVB Reduced and quality of response improved
- Protection of children ensured
- Community self-management and participation improved
- Self-reliance and livelihoods improved


KEY OCTOBER DEVELOPMENTS


- Improvements have been made and services have been added at the additional permanent camps in the KR-I. Refugees have been moved from transit locations to these camps and some transit locations have been closed. Infrastructure is being put in place for level two registration at the permanent camps and is due to start next month.
- The main border crossing points into the KR-I (Sehela and Peshkabour) have, with one brief exception, been closed since 14 September. Only some exceptional cases such as family reunification and medical have been allowed to cross. Border monitoring of spontaneous returns (counseling, monitoring of UASC and registration closure) has continued.
- Residency permits have not been provided to recent arrivals or renewed except for residents in Domiz camp and Dohuk town. Advocacy for documentation to enable movement and access to services, including


ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE


(October figures in brackets)


 **3,000** (1000) approx. children of age 5-17 benefit from psychosocial support through child friendly spaces.


 **90** (0) volunteers enrolled in the Mass information campaign
18 (18) school expansion programs were undertaken through Quick Impact Projects


 **5** (5) BIAs were undertaken in the North


 **199,270** (2,368) individuals registered at level 1 & 2 (since March 2012).


 **658** (51) refugees in Al Qa'im received legal assistance.


 **900** (0) non-camp refugees received cash assistance

 **27,097** (3574) spontaneous returns of individuals monitored

 SGBV referral mechanism established in the North and in Al-Qa'im. Listening center opened in Al-Qa'im. Safety audit conducted in Al-Qa'im

 **3** (0) emergency resettlement cases departed.

 **3** (0) training conducted on BID

 All **10** (0) unaccompanied or separated children in Al Qa'im had at least a draft BID report completed.

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